

# Labour Force, Australia

Headline estimates of employment, unemployment, underemployment, participation and hours worked from the monthly Labour Force Survey

Reference period January 2025

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## Key statistics

In trend terms, in January 2025:

- unemployment rate remained at 4.0%.
- participation rate remained at 67.2%.
- employment increased to 14,616,400.
- employment to population ratio increased to 64.5%.
- underemployment remained at 6.0%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,976 million.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in January 2025:

- unemployment rate increased to 4.1%.
- participation rate increased to 67.3%.

- employment increased to 14,634,300.
- employment to population ratio increased to 64.6%.
- underemployment rate remained at 6.0%.
- monthly hours worked decreased to 1,971 million.
- full-time employment increased by 54,100 to 10,092,800 people.
- part-time employment decreased by 10,100 to 4,541,500 people.

## Key statistics - Trend

|                                  | Dec-24        | Jan-25        | Monthly change | Monthly change (%) | Yearly change | Yearly change (%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Employed people                  | 14,582,700    | 14,616,400    | 33,700         | 0.2%               | 424,100       | 3.0%              |
| Unemployed people                | 614,600       | 615,100       | 500            | 0.1%               | 37,300        | 6.5%              |
| Unemployment rate                | 4.0%          | 4.0%          | 0.0 pts        | na                 | 0.1 pts       | na                |
| Underemployment rate             | 6.0%          | 6.0%          | 0.0 pts        | na                 | -0.6 pts      | na                |
| Participation rate               | 67.2%         | 67.2%         | 0.0 pts        | na                 | 0.5 pts       | na                |
| Monthly hours worked in all jobs | 1,974 million | 1,976 million | 2 million      | 0.1%               | 53 million    | 2.8%              |

## Key statistics - Seasonally adjusted

|                                  | Dec-24        | Jan-25        | Monthly change | Monthly change (%) | Yearly change | Yearly change (%) |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Employed people                  | 14,590,300    | 14,634,300    | 44,000         | 0.3%               | 498,300       | 3.5%              |
| Unemployed people                | 604,100       | 627,500       | 23,400         | 3.9%               | 25,100        | 4.2%              |
| Unemployment rate                | 4.0%          | 4.1%          | 0.1 pts        | na                 | 0.0 pts       | na                |
| Underemployment rate             | 6.0%          | 6.0%          | 0.0 pts        | na                 | -0.7 pts      | na                |
| Participation rate               | 67.2%         | 67.3%         | 0.2 pts        | na                 | 0.8 pts       | na                |
| Monthly hours worked in all jobs | 1,979 million | 1,971 million | -7 million     | -0.4%              | 109 million   | 5.9%              |

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded level estimates and may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the rounded level estimates.

For definitions of labour statistics used in this publication, please refer to [Glossary of Labour Force, Australia methodology \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/jan-2025#glossary\)](#).

## Survey impacts and changes

### Articles

The ABS has included [Seasonal adjustment and changing seasonality in Labour Force statistics, January 2025 \(/articles/seasonal-adjustment-and-changing-seasonality-labour-force-statistics-january-2025\)](#) and [Insights into job attachment, January 2025 \(/articles/insights-job-attachment-january-2025\)](#), given the relevance to this month's statistics and interest in the ABS providing an update to insights into these statistics.

For a list of previously published LFS articles, see the [Article archive \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia/latest-release#article-archive\)](#).

## Survey response and timeline



The January 2025 Labour Force Survey was run in respect of the two weeks from Sunday 5 January to Saturday 18

January, and collected over the period from Sunday 12 January to Saturday 1 February.

The ABS would like to thank Australians for their continued support in responding to our surveys, given how critically important this information is.

## Reference and Enumeration Dates

| Publication | Start of Reference Week | End of Reference Week | Start of Enumeration | End of Enumeration |
|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Dec-24      | 24th November 2024      | 7th December 2024     | 1st December 2024    | 21st December 2024 |
| Jan-25      | 5th January 2025        | 18th January 2025     | 12th January 2025    | 1st February 2025  |
| Feb-25      | 2nd February 2025       | 15th February 2025    | 9th February 2025    | 1st March 2025     |
| Mar-25      | 2nd March 2025          | 15th March 2025       | 9th March 2025       | 29th March 2025    |
| Apr-25      | 30th March 2025         | 12th April 2025       | 6th April 2025       | 26th April 2025    |
| May-25      | 4th May 2025            | 17th May 2025         | 11th May 2025        | 31st May 2025      |

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## Upcoming release of Labour Force Survey TableBuilder product

In March, the ABS will release monthly and quarterly Labour Force Survey data into TableBuilder. Initially, data from August 2006 to July 2024 will be available, with the intention to move to more concurrent and more frequent releases of data later this year.

The TableBuilder product will allow users to create custom tables on a wide range of Labour Force Survey data, usually only available in set products in [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release). This new product will be in addition to the existing Labour Force Supplementary Survey datasets currently available in TableBuilder (e.g. Characteristics of Employment).

New TableBuilder users will need to [register \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder#how-to-access\)](/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/tablebuilder#how-to-access) to gain access. Existing TableBuilder users can request access to the dataset by contacting [microdata.access@abs.gov.au](mailto:microdata.access@abs.gov.au) (<mailto:microdata.access@abs.gov.au>).

This release is one of many planned improvements to how users can access and interact with an expanded range of labour statistics products, as part of an investment to address priority labour market data gaps. Further information on this work can be found in [Labour statistics recent and upcoming developments \(/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/labour-statistics-recent-and-upcoming-developments\)](/statistics/understanding-statistics/guide-labour-statistics/labour-statistics-recent-and-upcoming-developments).

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## Extending Enhanced Regional Labour Market Data back to 2012

In the [Labour Force, Australia, Detailed \(/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release\)](/statistics/labour/employment-and-unemployment/labour-force-australia-detailed/latest-release) January 2025 release, on 27 February, the ABS will extend the modelled regional labour market data in MRM1 back to January 2012. The initial data published in MRM1 had previously included data from 2016 onwards for unemployment and 2020 onwards for employment and other derived series.

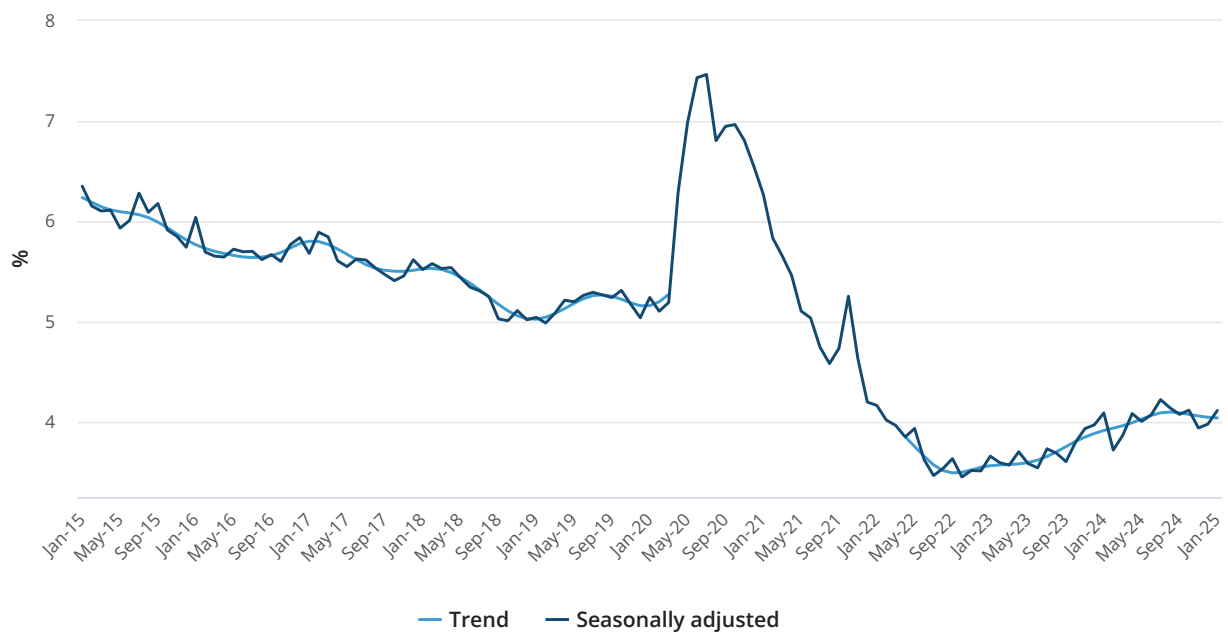
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## Unemployment

In trend terms, in January 2025:

- unemployment rate remained at 4.0%.
- unemployed people increased by 500 to 615,100.
- youth unemployment rate remained at 9.0%.

### Unemployment rate



Large month-to-month changes occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in multiple trend breaks. The ABS recommends caution when using trend estimates published in spreadsheets in this release for this period. Information on trend breaks can be found in [Labour Force, Australia methodology, January 2025 \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/jan-2025\)](#).

## Employment

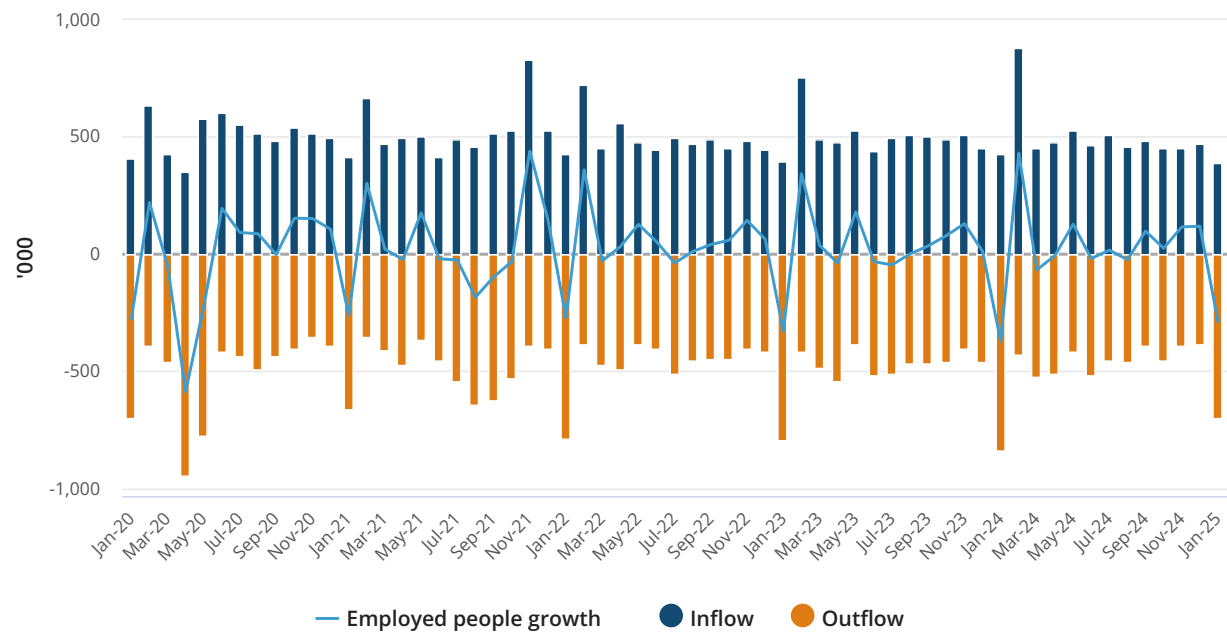
In trend terms, in January 2025, employment increased by 33,700 people (0.2%) to 14,616,400 people.

### Flows into and out of employment

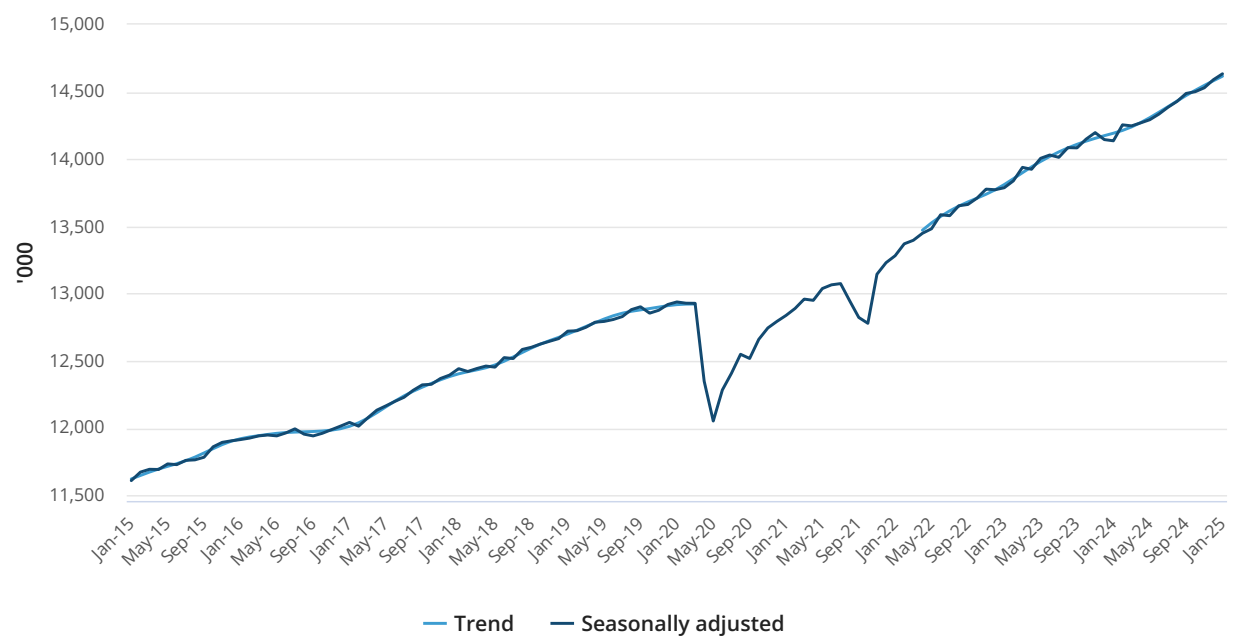
Flows into and out of employment are extensive and are based on the net matched sample of original employment growth between two consecutive months (around 80% of the sample). The (net) sum of the inflows and outflows does not necessarily equal the 'net' employment growth.

For January 2025, the net change in the number of employed people is the result of around 392,000 people entering employment (i.e. they were not employed in December 2024 but were employed in January 2025), while around 699,000 people left employment (i.e. they were employed in December 2024 but not employed in January 2025). This contrasts with December 2024, where around 472,000 people entered employment and around 383,000 people left employment.

### Monthly inflows, outflows and employment growth, Original



## Employed people



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## Full-time and part-time employment

In trend terms, in January 2025:

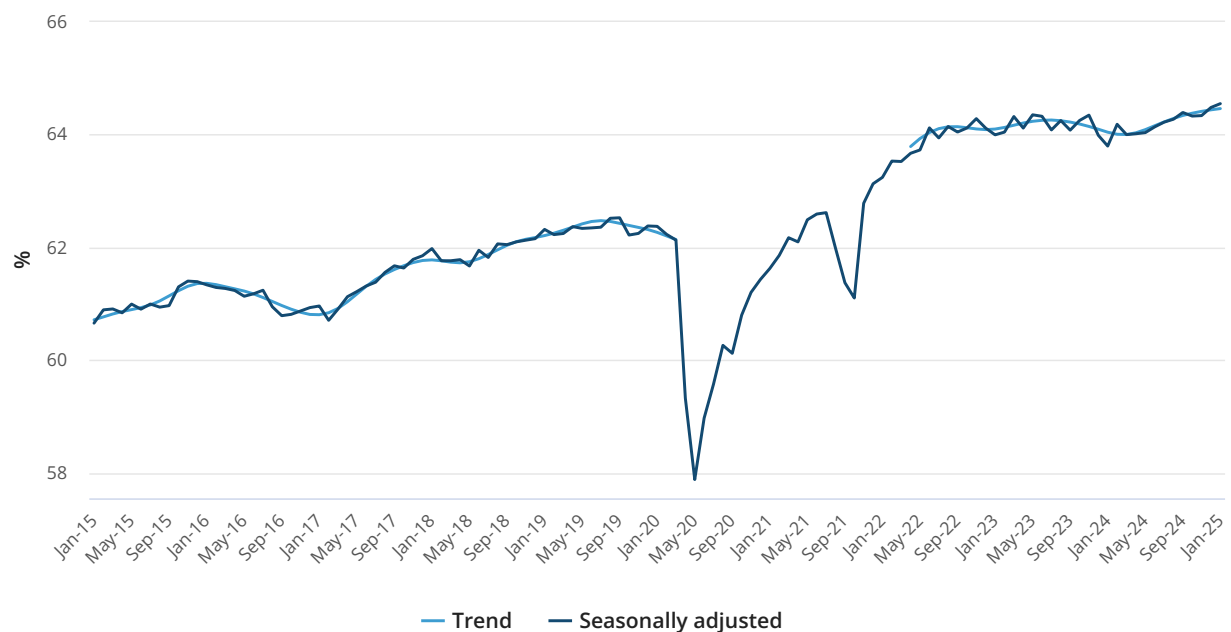
- full-time employment increased by 19,900 to 10,083,500 people, and part-time employment increased by 13,800 to 4,532,900 people.
- part-time share of employment was 31.0%.

## Employment-to-population ratio

In trend terms, in January 2025, the employment-to-population ratio increased to 64.5%.

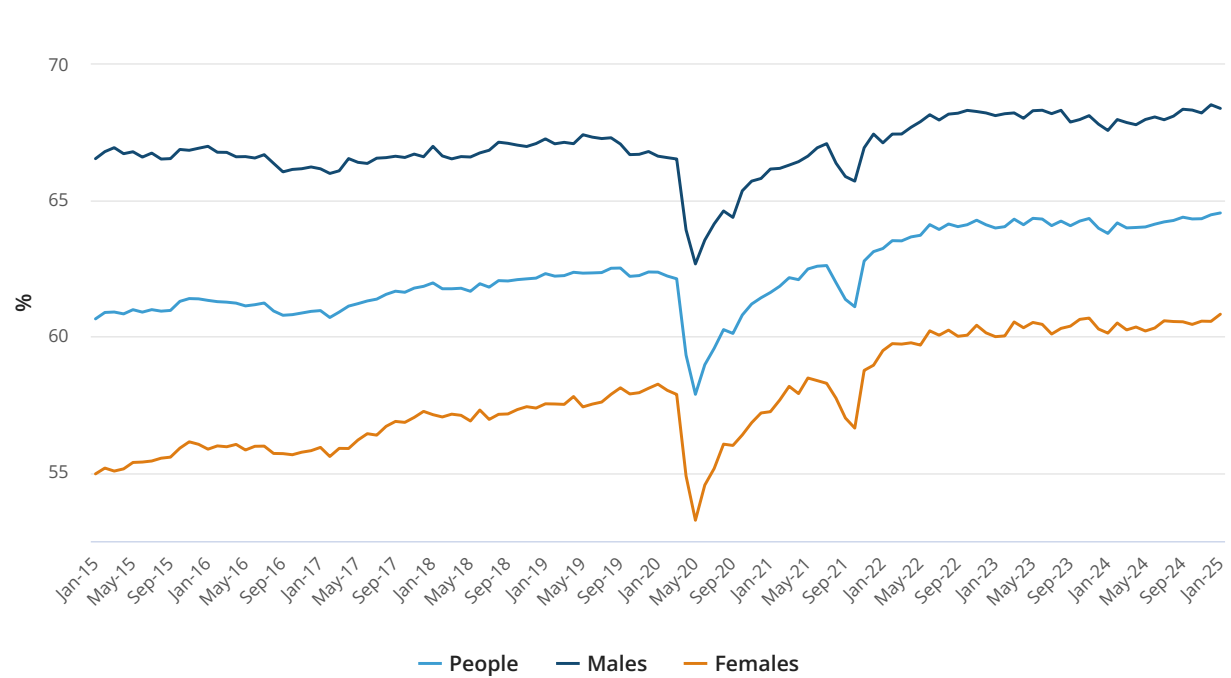
The employment-to-population ratio provides a measure of employment relative to the size of the population.

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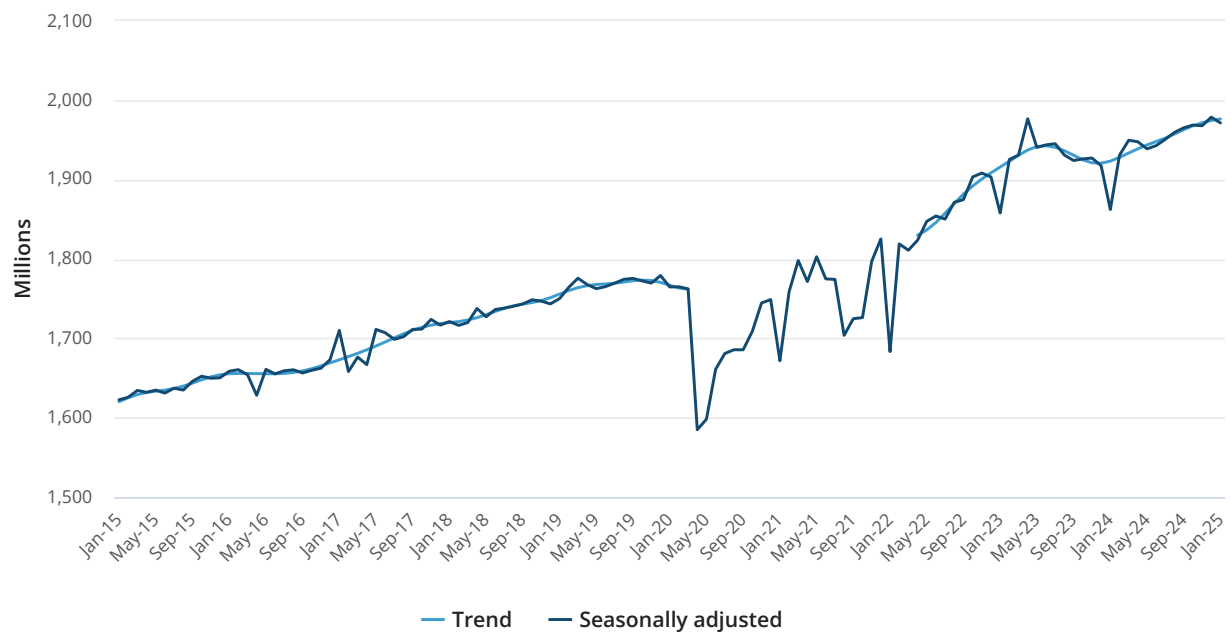
## Employment-to-population ratio, Seasonally adjusted



## Hours worked

In trend terms, in January 2025, monthly hours worked in all jobs increased by 1.9 million hours (0.1%) to 1,976 million hours.

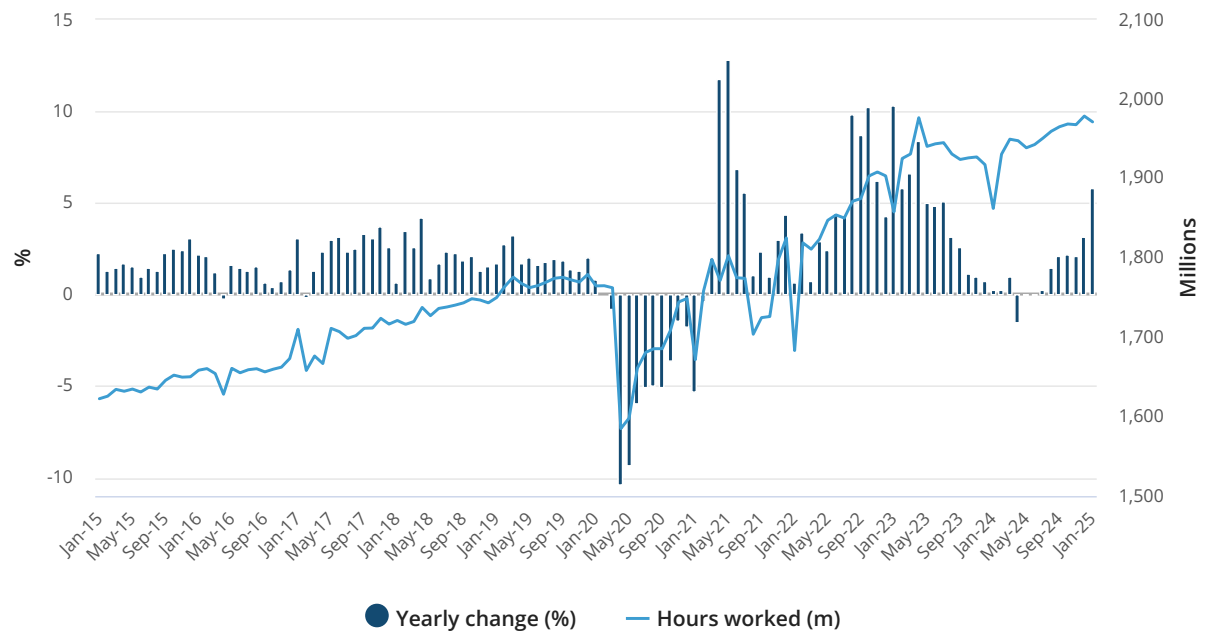
## Monthly hours worked in all jobs



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## Monthly hours worked in all jobs, Seasonally adjusted



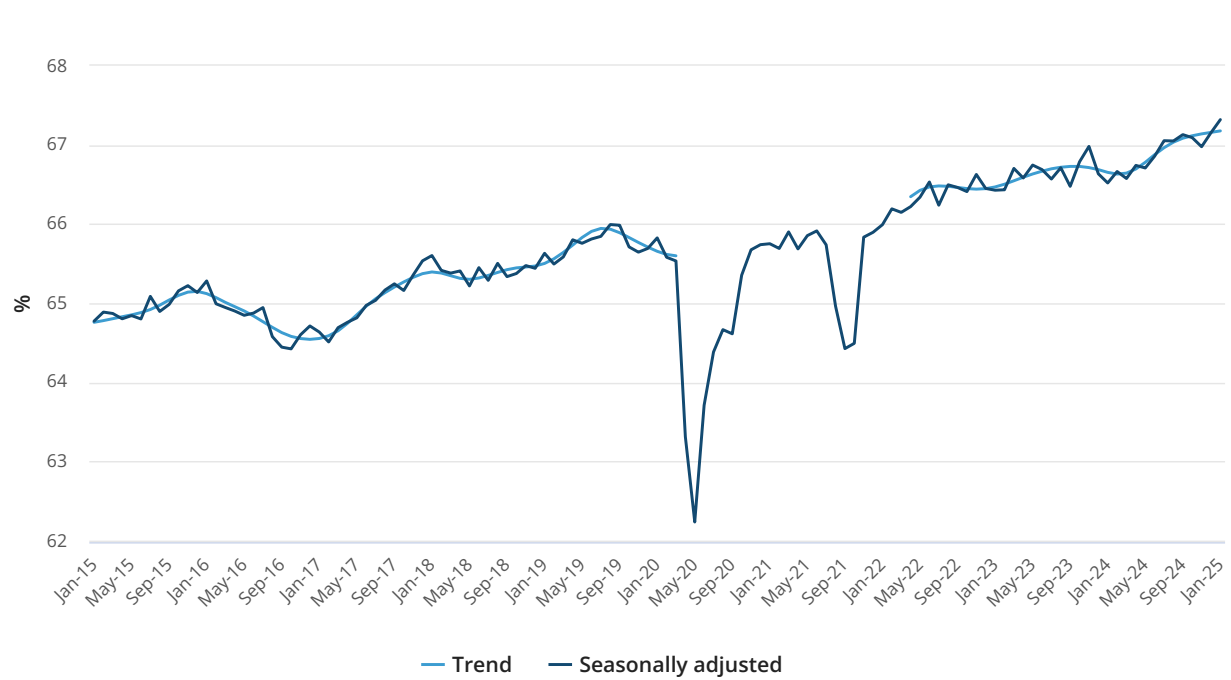


## Participation

In trend terms, in January 2025, the participation rate:

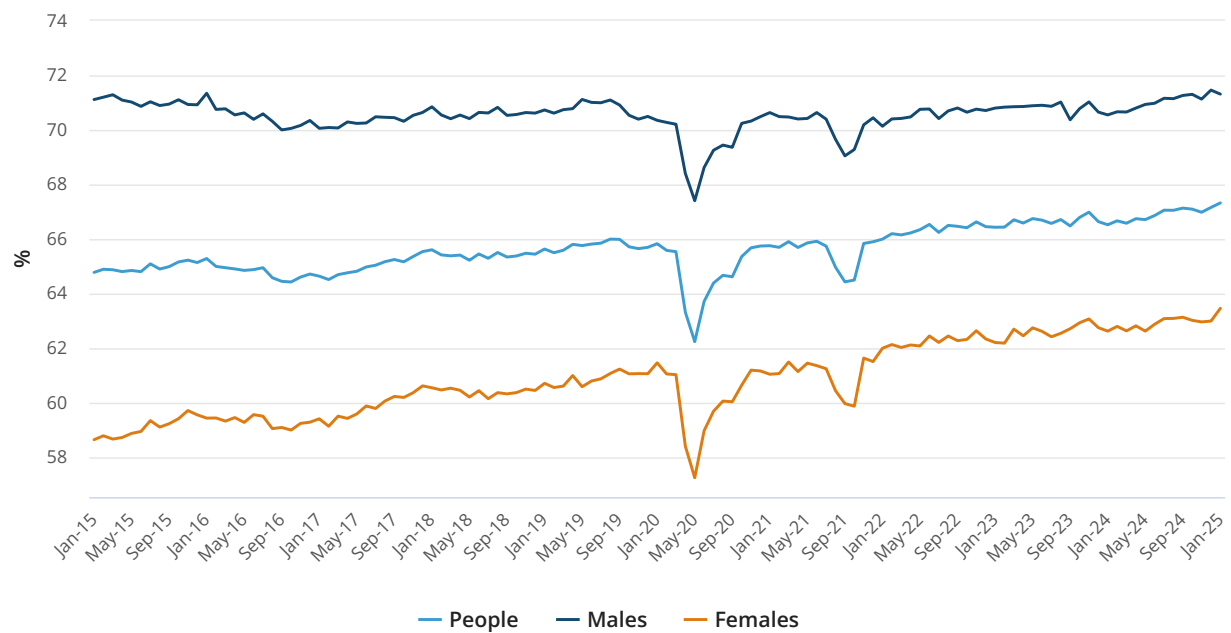
- remained at 67.2%.
- remained at 71.3% for men and increased to 63.2% for women.

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## Participation rate, Seasonally adjusted

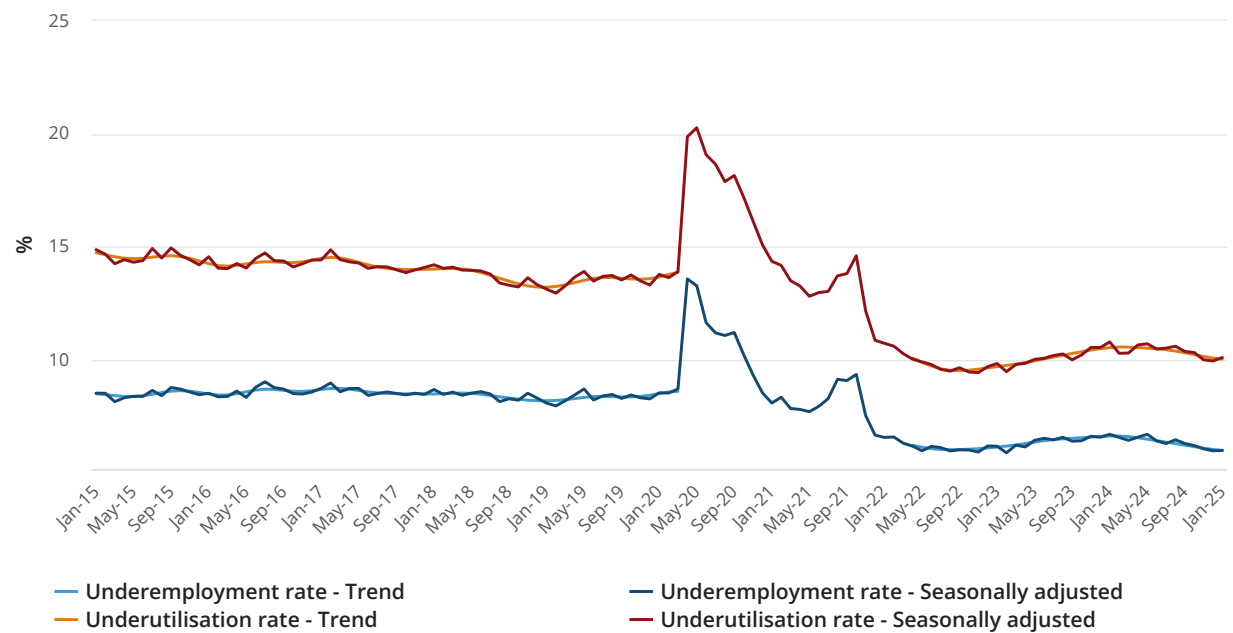


## Underemployment

In trend terms, in January 2025:

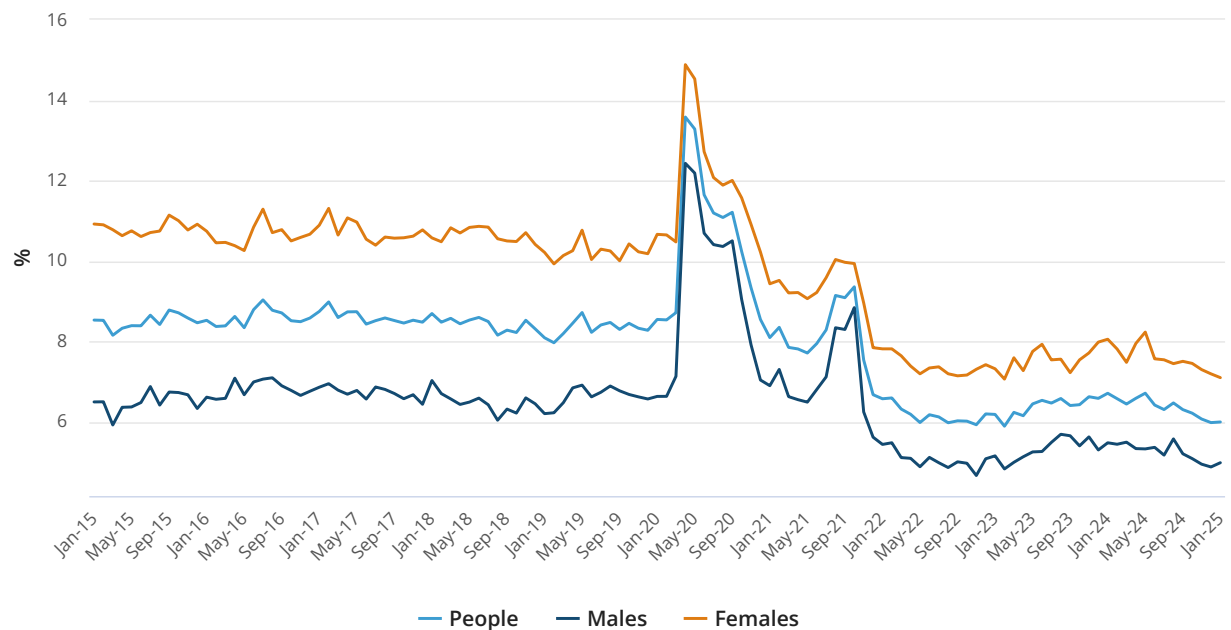
- underemployment rate remained at 6.0%.
- underutilisation rate decreased to 10.0%.

## Underemployment rate and underutilisation rate



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## Underemployment rate, Seasonally adjusted



## States and Territories

### January 2025 - Trend

|                                                 | New South Wales | Victoria  | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Employed people                                 | 4,520,700       | 3,801,200 | 2,995,200  | 963,300         | 1,640,300         | 281,900  | 139,300            | 273,600                      | 14,616,400 |
| Employed people - monthly change                | 0.3%            | 0.0%      | 0.2%       | 0.3%            | 0.3%              | 0.4%     | 0.3%               | 0.2%                         | 0.2%       |
| Employment to population ratio                  | 64.0%           | 64.9%     | 64.6%      | 61.1%           | 66.5%             | 58.2%    | 69.3%              | 70.2%                        | 64.5%      |
| Employment to population ratio - monthly change | 0.1 pts         | -0.1 pts  | 0.0 pts    | 0.1 pts         | 0.0 pts           | 0.2 pts  | 0.1 pts            | 0.0 pts                      | 0.0 pts    |
| Unemployment rate                               | 3.9%            | 4.6%      | 3.9%       | 4.1%            | 3.5%              | 4.0%     | 4.4%               | 3.2%                         | 4.0%       |
| Unemployment rate - monthly change              | 0.0 pts         | 0.0 pts   | 0.0 pts    | 0.0 pts         | 0.0 pts           | 0.0 pts  | 0.0 pts            | 0.0 pts                      | 0.0 pts    |
| Underemployment rate                            | 5.9%            | 6.1%      | 6.2%       | 6.8%            | 5.5%              | 7.8%     | 4.5%               | 5.1%                         | 6.0%       |
| Underemployment rate - monthly change           | 0.0 pts         | -0.1 pts  | 0.0 pts    | -0.1 pts        | 0.0 pts           | 0.0 pts  | 0.1 pts            | 0.2 pts                      | 0.0 pts    |
| Participation rate                              | 66.6%           | 68.1%     | 67.2%      | 63.7%           | 69.0%             | 60.7%    | 72.5%              | 72.4%                        | 67.2%      |
| Participation rate - monthly change             | 0.1 pts         | -0.1 pts  | 0.0 pts    | 0.1 pts         | 0.0 pts           | 0.2 pts  | 0.2 pts            | 0.0 pts                      | 0.0 pts    |

### January 2025 - Seasonally adjusted

|                                                 | New South Wales | Victoria  | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Employed people                                 | 4,522,400       | 3,796,400 | 2,997,400  | 971,900         | 1,641,800         | 286,900  | 139,600            | 274,400                      | 14,634,300 |
| Employed people - monthly change                | 0.2%            | 0.0%      | -0.1%      | 2.1%            | 0.0%              | 2.5%     | 0.5%               | 0.8%                         | 0.3%       |
| Employment to population ratio                  | 64.0%           | 64.9%     | 64.7%      | 61.6%           | 66.6%             | 59.2%    | 69.5%              | 70.3%                        | 64.6%      |
| Employment to population ratio - monthly change | 0.1 pts         | -0.2 pts  | -0.2 pts   | 1.2 pts         | -0.2 pts          | 1.4 pts  | 0.3 pts            | 0.5 pts                      | 0.1 pts    |
| Unemployment rate                               | 4.0%            | 4.7%      | 3.9%       | 4.1%            | 3.6%              | 3.6%     | 4.5%               | 3.2%                         | 4.1%       |

|                                       | New South Wales | Victoria | Queensland | South Australia | Western Australia | Tasmania | Northern Territory | Australian Capital Territory | Australia |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Unemployment rate - monthly change    | 0.3 pts         | 0.2 pts  | 0.1 pts    | 0.0 pts         | 0.3 pts           | -0.6 pts | 0.3 pts            | 0.1 pts                      | 0.1 pts   |
| Underemployment rate                  | 5.8%            | 5.9%     | 6.4%       | 6.6%            | 5.7%              | 7.9%     | 5.3%               | 5.3%                         | 6.0%      |
| Underemployment rate - monthly change | -0.1 pts        | -0.5 pts | 0.3 pts    | 0.6 pts         | 0.2 pts           | 0.2 pts  | 1.6 pts            | 1.2 pts                      | 0.0 pts   |
| Participation rate                    | 66.7%           | 68.0%    | 67.3%      | 64.3%           | 69.1%             | 61.5%    | 72.8%              | 72.7%                        | 67.3%     |
| Participation rate - monthly change   | 0.2 pts         | 0.0 pts  | -0.2 pts   | 1.2 pts         | 0.0 pts           | 1.1 pts  | 0.5 pts            | 0.5 pts                      | 0.2 pts   |

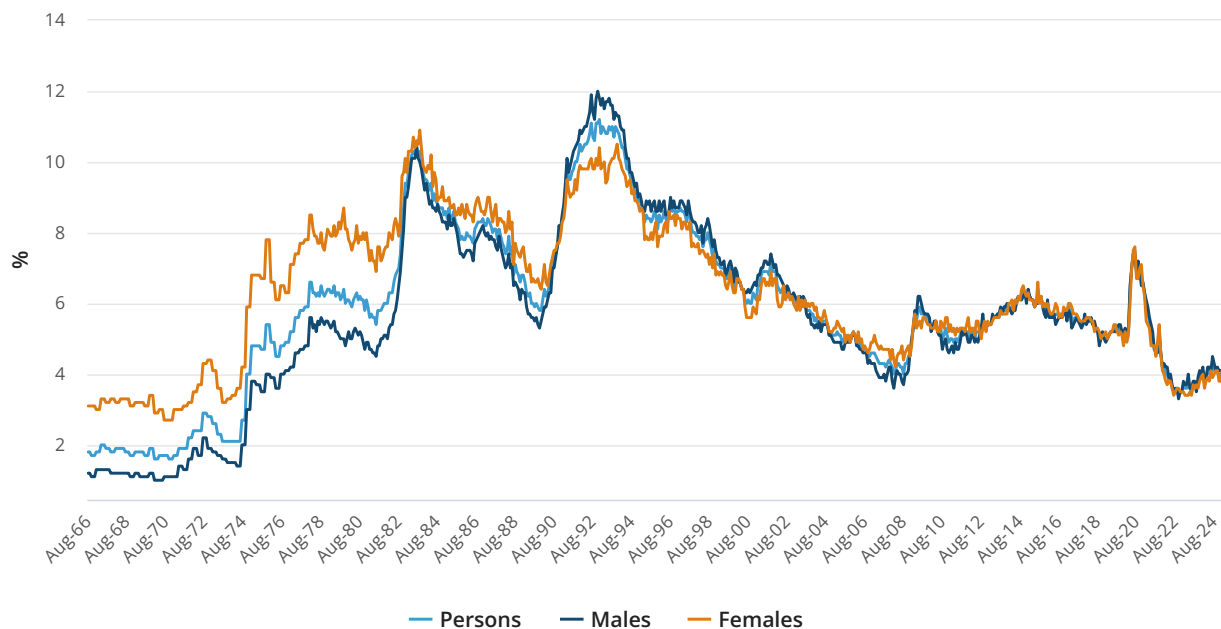
## Historical charts

### Historical charts for employed, unemployed, unemployment rate and participation rate from August 1966 to January 2025

Historical Labour Force estimates of employment, unemployment rate, and participation rate from the historical quarterly and monthly Labour Force Survey.

Prior to 1978 the historical Labour Force Survey was collected quarterly; the current Labour Force Survey is collected monthly. Please refer to the [history of changes \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/jan-2025#history-of-changes\)](https://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs%40nsf/DetailsPage/6204.0.55.0011966%20to%201984?OpenDocument) to see the differences between the historical and current Labour Force Survey.

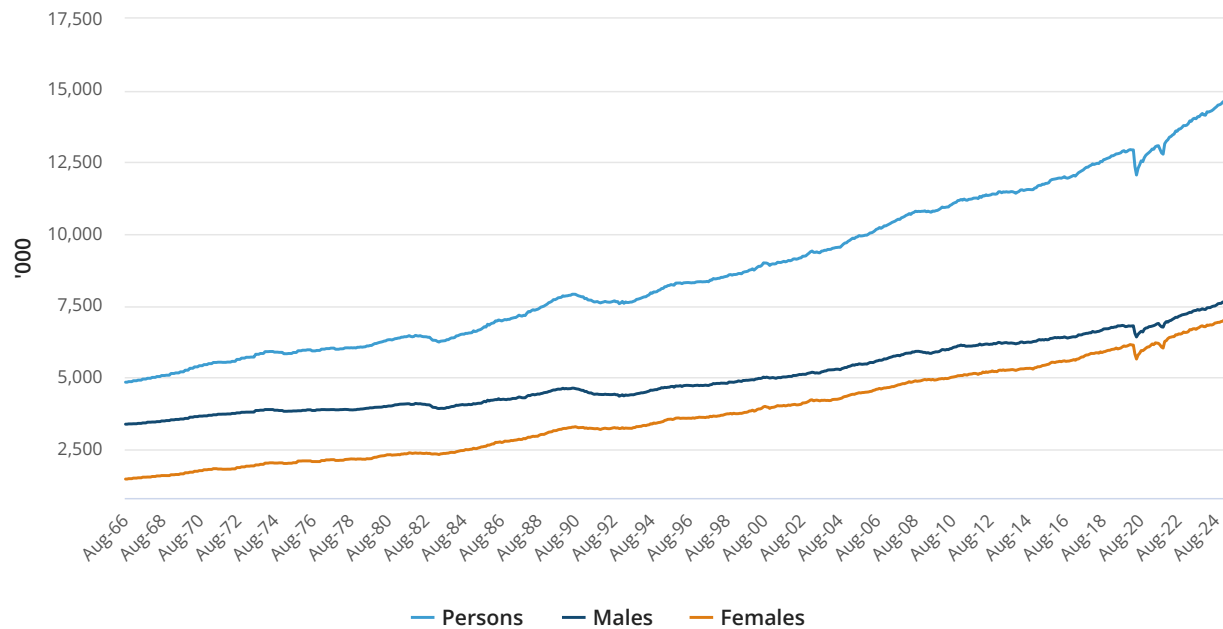
### Unemployment rate, Australia, August 1966 to January 2025, Seasonally adjusted



February 1978 to January 2025 estimated monthly, before February 1978 estimated quarterly

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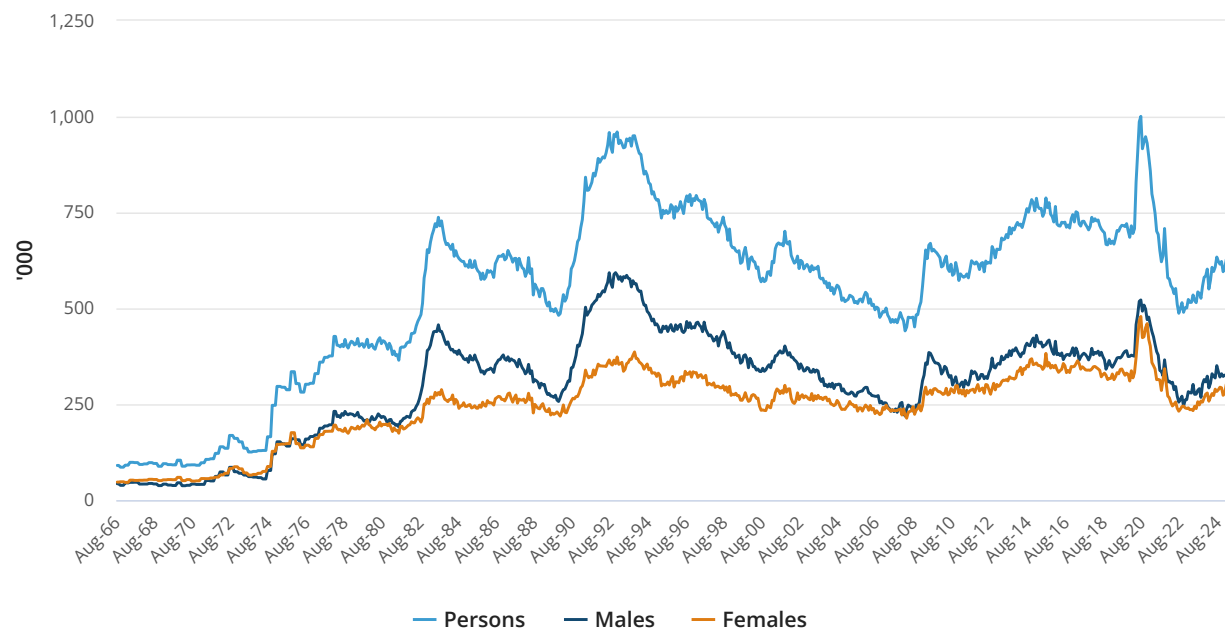
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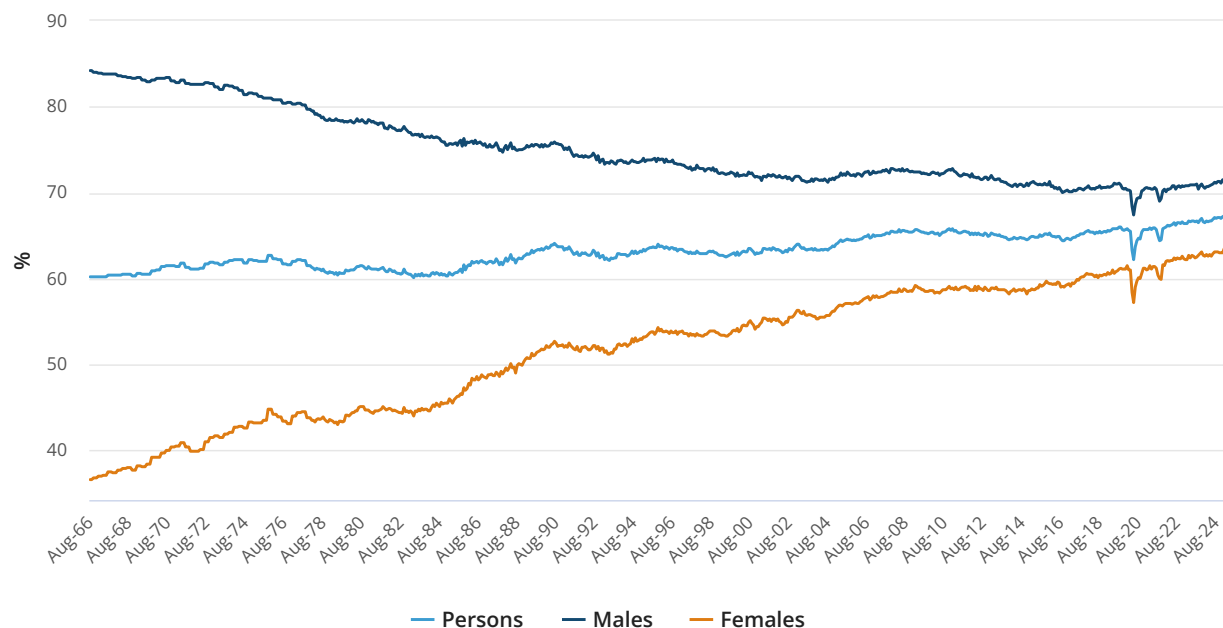


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**Participation rate, Australia, August 1966 to January 2025, Seasonally adjusted**





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## Rotation group analysis

### Sample composition and rotation

The Labour Force Survey sample can be thought of as comprising eight sub-samples (rotation groups), with each sub-sample remaining in the survey for eight months, and one group "rotating out" each month and being replaced by a new group "rotating in". As seven-eighths of the sample are common from one month to the next, changes in the estimates reflect real changes in the labour market, rather than changes in the sample. The replacement sample is generally selected from the same geographic areas as the outgoing one, as part of a representative sampling approach.

The sample comprises three components:

- the matched common sample (people who responded in both the current month and previous month)
- the unmatched common sample (people who responded in the current month but who did not respond in the previous month, or vice versa)
- the incoming rotation group (replacing people who rotated out)

The matched common sample describes the change observed for the same respondents in the current and previous month, while the other two components reflect differences between the aggregate labour force status of different

groups of people.

While the rotation groups are designed to be representative of the population, the outgoing and incoming rotation groups will almost always have somewhat different characteristics, as they reflect different households and people. The design of the survey, including the weighting and estimation processes, ensures that these differences are generally relatively minor and do not affect the representativeness of the survey and its estimates. Monthly estimates are designed to be representative, regardless of the relative contribution of the three components of the sample.

The contributions of the three sample components to the original estimates of employed, unemployed and not in the labour force are in the Contribution from sample components to estimates spreadsheet.

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## Estimates for the incoming and outgoing rotation groups

### Incoming and outgoing rotation groups

|                                          | December outgoing rotation group | January incoming rotation group | January outgoing rotation group | January estimate (Original) |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Employment to population ratio           | 66.2%                            | 64.2%                           | 62.7%                           | 64.5%                       |
| Full-time employment to population ratio | 45.6%                            | 44.6%                           | 43.8%                           | 44.8%                       |
| Unemployment rate                        | 3.3%                             | 4.5%                            | 5.1%                            | 4.5%                        |
| Participation rate                       | 68.5%                            | 67.1%                           | 66.0%                           | 67.5%                       |

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## States and Territories

In addition to analysis across the entire sample, the ABS also undertakes similar analysis for the responding sample in each state and territory each month, and highlights where there is a notable change for users to be aware of. In January, there were no noteworthy differences in the responding sample that were contributing to monthly movements for any of the states and territories. As with any notable month-to-month movement of this nature in state and territory estimates, the ABS recommends exercising a degree of caution in interpreting short-term changes.

As for its reporting for the entire sample, where the ABS has not highlighted a notable incoming rotation group effect, any larger changes should therefore be considered to reflect a broader change across the sample.

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## Comparability with seasonally adjusted and trend data

The gross flows and rotation group data are in original terms only, and are included to provide additional information on the month-to-month movements. They have a considerable level of inherent sampling variability, which is specifically adjusted for in the trend and seasonally adjusted series. The trend data provides the best measure of the underlying behaviour of the labour market and is the focus of the commentary in this publication.

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Labour Force Survey results are released in three stages.

1. Spreadsheets of the headline indicators are published in this release

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3. Longitudinal labour force microdata are released in the ABS DataLab on a monthly basis, one day after the detailed release (see [Microdata: Longitudinal Labour Force, Australia \(/statistics/microdata-tablebuilder/available-microdata-tablebuilder/longitudinal-labour-force-australia\)](#).)

See the [Survey output \(/methodologies/labour-force-australia-methodology/jan-2025#survey-output\)](#) section of Labour Force, Australia methodology for more information.

## Labour Force status

Table 1. Labour force status by Sex, Australia - Trend, Seasonally adjusted and Original

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The ABS is currently reviewing the usefulness of the market and non-market sector data in Table 21 of the headline Labour Force release.

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